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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by ST-PIERRE (US 5,883,888 A).

Regarding claim 20, ST-PIERRE discloses a mobile radio network entity comprising: means for receiving an adjustment command information generated at the network based on an adjustment request information received from a mobile station; and means for adjusting transmit times at the network based on said received adjustment command information (column 6 lines 10-13).

3. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by TEDER et al (US 5,828,659 A).

Regarding claim 20, TEDER et al discloses a mobile radio network entity comprising: means for receiving an adjustment command information generated at the network based on an adjustment request information received from a mobile station; and means for adjusting transmit times at the network based on said received adjustment command information (column 8 lines 1-16).

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4. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by MUSZYNSKI (US 5, 722,074 A).

Regarding claim 20, MUSZYNSKI discloses a mobile radio network entity comprising: means for receiving an adjustment command information generated at the network based on an adjustment request information received from a mobile station; and means for adjusting transmit times at the network based on said received adjustment command information (column 4 line 43 to column 5 line 34).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14-19 and 21-26 are allowed.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The applicant's inventions of claims 1, 11 and 12 include the subject matter of generating at a mobile station an adjustment command for adjusting transmit times at the radio interface between a network and at least one mobile station; and performing adjustments of the transmit times at the mobile station based on said adjustment command, wherein the adjustment command is controlled based on adjustment control information received from the network so that adjustments performed by the mobile station are controlled by said network. The examiner found persuasive the applicant's arguments, filed on 3/24/2004, in which the applicant distinguishes the inventions of claims 1, 11 and 12 from the prior art cited in the office action mailed 12/22/2003. Other close prior art includes HUI et al (US 6,470,057 B1) and DUPUY (US 5,711,003 A).

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Both of those references disclose generating at a mobile station an adjustment command for adjusting transmit times at the radio interface between a network and at least one mobile station; and performing adjustments of the transmit times at the mobile station based on said adjustment command. However, neither reference discloses that the adjustment command is generated based on adjustment control information received from the network so that adjustments performed by the mobile station are controlled by said network. Lastly, no new prior art has been discovered that would anticipate or render obvious the inventions of claims 1, 11 and 12. Therefore the applicant's inventions of claims 1, 11 and 12, when considered as a whole, comprise a unique combination of subject matter that is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Conclusion


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond B. Persino whose telephone number is (571) 272-7856. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on (571) 272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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